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JOHN MOON ET AL : Group No.: 2872  
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**Title: Diffraction Grating-based Encoded Micro-Particles for Multiplexed Experiments**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: